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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HAYASHI, Hiromichi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 09/892,895

Examiner: **Tamra Dicus**

Filed: **June 28, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1586

For: **IN-GLAZE DECORATION RAISED DECORATED CERAMIC ARTICLES AND
TRANSCRIPTION SHEET**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 23, 2003**, extended to **December 23, 2003**, by
a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, the following comments are respectfully submitted.